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(U) From the DNI: Establishment of the National Counterintelligence Security Center

In November 2010, I organized the Special Security Center (SSC) and the Center for Security Evaluation under the National Counterintelligence Executive. Today, I am pleased to announce the establishment of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center (NCSC), within ODNI. Effective Dec. 1, William "Bill" Evanina, the current NCIX, will be dual hatted as he takes on an additional role as the NCSC director.

I established NCSC to effectively integrate and align counterintelligence and security mission areas, and carry out counterintelligence and security responsibilities under a single organizational construct. Creating NCSC is consistent with my authority to establish national intelligence centers to address intelligence priorities.

The ONCIX and NCIX were established by statute and will not be replaced by NCSC. Under Bill's leadership, NCSC will continue to carry out the counterintelligence responsibilities of the NCIX and ONCIX and fulfill their obligations as outlined in the Counterintelligence Enhancement Act of 2002.

The organizational construct of the NCSC aligns with the other designations within ODNI (i.e. NCTC and NCPC) and supports our efforts to ensure that counterintelligence and security are addressed as interdependent and mutually supportive disciplines. These disciplines have shared objectives and responsibilities associated with the protection of intelligence information, sources and methods.

I look forward to the continued advancement of counterintelligence and security excellence.